

STATE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE BOARD
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 7/15/2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cherie Strand - Chair
Jori A Bathina
Farrell Lindley-Kessler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Cari J Moodie

DIVISION STAFF: Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief
Nicholas Krema, General Counsel
Janett Scott, Financial Technician
Cesley Metcalfe, Team Lead

OTHERS PRESENT: Mel Henderson, NBCOT Ambassador

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM MDT by Cherie Strand.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Bathina made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/16/2021. It was seconded by Ms. Lindley-Kessler. Motion carried.

LAWS AND RULES

Mr. Krema presented a legislative update.

DIVISION UPDATES

Mr. Krema stated that Boards may begin holding in-person meetings. Due to space limitations, all meetings will also be conducted virtually to allow public attendance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Nicki Chopski introduced herself as the Bureau chief for the Health Professions Section of the Division.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Scott gave the financial report, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$128,953.98 as of 5/31/2021.

DIVISION BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the To Do List and no action was taken.

DISCUSSION ON NALOXONE

Medical Sections Chief, Nicki Chopski, gave a presentation regarding the legislative history that provided for any health professional licensed or registered under Title 54 to independently prescribe and dispense an opioid antagonist to certain persons as outlined in Idaho Code 54-1733b. She explained that the current 2021 legislature passed, and the Governor signed, a bill to streamline language for a health professional to use their professional judgement to prescribe an opioid antagonist to “any person or entity”.

BOARD BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mel Henderson provided the Board with information on the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) Ambassador Program. Mr. Henderson invited the Board to attend the virtual 2021 NBCOT Occupational State Regulatory Leadership Forum in September and explained the NBCOT Certification programs and services.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Ms. Strand stated that she will be attending the virtual 2021 NBCOT Occupational State Regulatory Leadership Forum in September and invited all interested members to attend as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Lindley-Kessler made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to consider documents relating to the fitness of an applicant to be granted a license or registration. It was seconded by Ms. Bathina. The vote was: Ms. Strand, aye; Ms. Lindley-Kessler, aye; and Ms. Bathina, aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Lindley-Kessler made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Ms. Bathina. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Ms. Lindley-Kessler made a motion to table applicant 901184715 pending receipt of additional information and to approve applicant 901184732 pending receipt of additional information. It was seconded by Ms. Bathina. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING was scheduled for September 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM MDT.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bathina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 PM MDT. It was seconded by Ms. Lindley-Kessler. Motion carried.